

Thursday 01 June 1939

Arrived in Divisional HQ at 0300 under Scots Greys escort after the attack on the road. Also carried a total of 18 dead SS, none of whom carried a rank higher than LCpl equivalent. Confiscated MP35s, grenades (5 per man) and SS Daggers (one each). No further details obtainable, so left with redcaps for their further investigation.

Went to exhumation of Gladys while the pax already there got some shuteye.

Cpl McKie was waylaid in Tel Aviv by Hampton – after a brief discussion of no real import he proceeds to Jerusalem and arrives late morning.

Despatch received for Williams from Div HQ with commissioning papers (well done Rupert) along with an otherwise unidentified package that he won't tell me about.

Coffin exhumed – extensive investigation of the body later reveals it to be Gladys (conclusion reached in the evening). Further leads required, so Cpl McKie goes through the photo album in detail. No further details found yet.

1800 hrs – Maj Guilder assembles whole team for a briefing regarding 'the Wizard of Mauritius' – a Mssr Bottineau who in 1748 perfected the art of nautisopian (tracking of ships over the horizon). Gladys found to have visited Mauritius and learned this art during her duties. A number of other nations have been found to be investigating this as well.

Additionally, Fr Carmicheal is found to be a deserter from both the Sussex Regt during WW1 and the Coldstream Guards during the Boer War. Br Christopher is likewise wanted for paedophilia. Maj Guilder revealed information about a journal that describes this talent in principle but is missing the practical directions. This explains the double trace nautical chart on the paddleboat.

Afterwards, a visit is paid to the 'library' where a trap is set off by myself. Like a man with balls of steel I catch the weird glass vial and we take it away for study. McKie re-enters after me and discovers about 70 'inconvenient' historical publications remaining in the otherwise abandoned library. We arrange clear out of the library with RMP assistance.

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Visit librarian's home address after confirmation of Gladys' body by dental records. Librarian long gone but left a booby trap surprise in the form of a shotgun. Black candles/pentagram setup discovered in the cellar with a further booby trap.

Travelled back to Tel Aviv and spoke to Fr Carmicheal – he confirmed that Gladys taught him how to divine the presence of ships, but he wants to retire, and never intended to do any spying. Offer made to 'lose the paperwork' on his behalf in return for his support. He agreed.

We discovered the 4ft rat is actually called Mr Black, who defends the library and its interests. Also learn about the help given to Gladys when she was escaping London and the Sons of Solomon by a Mr Barny Diamond – a research contact who provided tickets/ID in order to escape. At the time, Gladys was researching Bottineau and a Nazi dig in Finland, where she was rumoured to be hunting for Thule.

Seems like we have orders to head for Finland...